

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



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STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

A low pressure system (Clipper System) currently located in upper Great Lakes is forecast to move quickly to the Southeast over the Great Lakes tonight and then just south of New England during the day on Tuesday. This storm system is moving through very cold air over New England and this should be an all snow event. Slightly more snow is expected near the coast and slightly less snow is forecast in Northern CT. The NWS has issued Winter Weather Advisories for Litchfield, Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex and New London Counties for the day on Tuesday. The following forecast is based on current data and may change somewhat as we get closer to the event:

Tuesday Morning...Light snow developing from West to East between 8:00-10:00 AM with temperatures in the teens across the state. The impact on the morning commute is forecast to be very minor with only a dusting expected by 9:00 AM. The light snow is expected to become steadier by 11:00 AM.

Tuesday Afternoon... Snow is expected to become moderate by noontime and continue at a moderate intensity for 4-5 hours during the afternoon. The snow should stick to most roads with high temperatures ranging from around 20 F in Northern CT up to the mid 20's along the coast. The snow is forecast to taper off to flurries from West to East between 4:00-7:00 PM. The impact on the afternoon commute is currently expected to be minor to moderate in Northern CT and moderate in Southern CT with moderate snow at the start of the rush hour and just flurries by the end of the rush hour. Roads during most of the afternoon rush are expected to be covered with 1-3 inches of powdery snow.

Total snowfall is forecast to range from 3-5" in Northern CT up to 4-6" in Southern CT.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest forecasts and will send out another update at 7:00 AM Tuesday morning or sooner if the forecast changes significantly.